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BRITISH AIRLINER SMASHES IN SWISS ALPS: ALL KILLED

Avalanche Started

Schagnau, Switzerland, Apr. 16.—A four-engined British airliner smashed into an Alpine peak in fog today, killing its crew of five and their only passenger—an Italian—and starting an avalanche. The plane was bound for Teheran.

Eye-witnesses who saw the plane crash into 7,200 feet high Hohgant Mountain said it skidded over the snow for more than half a mile and then was carried another 900 feet down the mountain slope on the sliding snow before coming to a halt amongst a pile of rocks.

The plane's skid started an avalanche which thundered into the valley below.

According to first reports, the plane did not catch fire. The crash took place at 0.30 this morning and word was brought to the local authorities from the mountain's farms. Relief parties immediately set out for the wreckage.

The plane, which was a Halifax built by Air Carriers, Limited, of London, left Schiphol Airfield this morning for a charter flight to Teheran.

The area of the crash was reported to be rugged. The

passenger's name was given as di Giulio, a representative of the owners, who was on his way to Brindisi.

The Swiss Federal Air Office said in a communiqué that the accident appears to be due to faulty navigation. The communiqué added that the plane struck the north parapet of the mountain and was completely destroyed.

Debris was scattered over a wide area, the statement said, much of it being engulfed in the avalanche. The wreckage did not burn.

All six occupants of the craft were believed to have died instantly. A relief party arrived at the scene in about an hour after the crash.

EXPLOSION

The accident occurred in thick fog, according to the communiqué. Reports from the scene of the crash state that the remains of the plane were caught up in the avalanche, which the crash started. The wreckage was swept down about 300 yards from the actual place of the crash.

Farmers said they heard the plane roaring overhead early this morning. Almost immediately there was a tremendous explosion as the plane struck the rocky northern parapet of the Hohgant Massif. Parts from surrounding farms set off at once, but it was an hour before the first group reached the scene.

The heavy fog and the snow piled up by the avalanche made the work of the search parties very difficult. It was believed tonight that all six bodies had been recovered and were being brought down the mountain side.

Hohgant Massif is about 13 miles north of Interlaken. Reuter.

Smallpox Scare On Big Liner

Liverpool, Apr. 16.—A five-year-old British boy, suffering from suspected smallpox, was taken to hospital from the 11,157-ton British liner *Cicilia* when she docked here from Bombay today.

The *Cicilia* had called at Karachi and at Aden. Passengers from the liner will be kept under observation. Medical officers in the various parts of Britain to which they are travelling have been notified. They number 300.

In another of Britain's major ports—Glasgow—six people died recently during a smallpox outbreak. The outbreak sent nearly a million people into vaccination queues and brought into force stringent precautions to keep the disease under control.

The West of Scotland area, in which Glasgow lies, was expected to be declared free of smallpox this weekend.—Reuter.

ROYAL CHILDREN ON SKIS



Princess Irene (left) and Princess Beatrix preparing to set off on a ski run in the mountains in Austria, where they are spending a holiday with their mother, Queen Wilhelmina. The children spend a lot of time on the snow-covered slopes. (London Express Service).

HUNT FOR SABOTEURS OF VIKING AIRCRAFT

Conscripts Can Be Pilots

London, Apr. 16.—Conscripts called up for the Royal Air Force may now be able to train as pilots, aeroce engineers or gunners during their compulsory 18 months in uniform.

The Air Ministry today announced special training facilities for 200 conscript engineers and 220 gunners in addition to the 300 now trained as pilots each year.

The RAF expected to train a gunner in four months and an aeroce engineer in six months. When they pass they may join operational crews.—Reuter.

PERAK SWOOP BY TERRORISTS

Singapore, Apr. 16.—Eighty terrorists attacking the Narborough Estate in Perak last night murdered one labourer and destroyed buildings and estate produce worth £1,400.

They seized identity cards from 50 labourers.—Reuter.

Important American Official Among The Passengers

London, Apr. 16.—French and British police linked efforts to find the cause and motive for the suspected sabotage explosion last Thursday in a British Viking airliner carrying an American Marshall Plan official and 27 other passengers from London to Paris.

The explosion was at first thought to have been caused by lightning striking the after-fuselage. The air hostess of the aircraft was injured in the explosion.

It was confirmed in London today that Mr. Ralph Straus, special assistant to the Marshall Plan roving Ambassador, Mr. Averell Harriman, was aboard the Viking, which was forced back to Northolt Airport by the explosion.

Mr. Straus told Reuter in Paris that he had not been approached by either Scotland Yard or the French Surete. He paid tribute to the stewardess, Miss Gramie, in her quarters near the cocktail bar.

They had not yet determined what type of explosive was planted in the plane's toilet that blew a hole in the fuselage, and breaking the arm of the blonde stewardess, Miss Gramie, in her quarters near the cocktail bar.

The passengers most of whom went on to Paris by another aircraft, included a French Foreign Minister official, M. Dirck Stikker, and Luxembourg M. Joseph Beck—all Foreign Ministers.—Reuter.

Mr Attlee Asks Junior Minister To Resign

Vampire In Collision

London, Apr. 16.—A Royal Air Force pilot, flying a Vampire jet fighter, was killed today in a collision with a Lincoln bomber during exercises.

The pilot baled out over the sea after the collision, leaving his plane to crash off Durston Head, Dorset. A life-boat picked him up, but he died soon afterwards. The bomber was undamaged.—Reuter.

SHARP COLLISION WITH THE FARMERS

London, Apr. 16.—Mr. Stanley Evans, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, resigned tonight.

An announcement from the Prime Minister's house said that Mr. Evans had placed his resignation in the hands of Mr. Clement Attlee, who had accepted it.

Mr. Evans' resignation came within 24 hours of a clash on him by the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, which accused him of making "a deliberate attempt to drive a wedge between town and country."

This was the second time in a few days that Mr. Evans had angered the farmers. They took issue yesterday with a statement which he made at a press conference on Friday, that "no other nation feather-beds its agriculture like Britain."

He expressed that whether subsidies to farmers had not reached a level which neither consumer nor taxpayer could afford.

The Union accused him of prematurely disclosing farmers' income figures and of selecting "just those statistics which supported his fallacious argument that farmers might be getting too much security."

The Parliamentary Secretary, who ranks as a Junior Minister, had declared that farmers' incomes had gone up from £50,000,000 in 1938 to £234,500,000 last year.

BARE ANNOUNCEMENT

An outspoken Labour back-bencher at 52, Mr. Evans went to the Ministry of Food as Parliamentary Secretary in the place of Dr. Edith Summerskill when she became Minister of National Insurance. He had been in office for 46 days.

Usually when a Minister resigns, letters between himself and the Prime Minister showing the reasons for the resignation, are published. Tonight's announcement was a bare statement of the fact that Mr. Evans had resigned.—Reuter.

Mr. Evans' resignation—which political quarters assumed meant he was sacked by the Prime Minister—eliminated a weekend of Government discomfiture over the junior Minister's provocative speech on British farmers.

Premier's Wrath

The speech, taken in conjunction with previous "controlling" utterances, was believed to have brought down on Mr. Evans' head the wrath not only of the Prime Minister but other powerful Government forces.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the chief party disciplinarian, the Food Minister, Mr. Maurice Webb, and the Agriculture Minister, Mr. Tom Williams, were all believed to have taken part.

The rapidity with which the situation developed was seen as an indication that the Government intended to deal summarily with any of its fallings—whether Ministers or back-benchers—who kicked over the traces and thus increased Labour's difficulty in maintaining office with its tiny Parliamentary majority.

Some Labour Party supporters probably agree with Mr. Evans that farmers get "feather-bed" treatment, but his remarks were aimed at a section of the community with which the Government is anxious to stay on good terms.

Labour hopes to win more agricultural support at the next general election, claiming that its policy has done more than any other to help the British farmer.

Hurley Blames Yalta For Red China

New York, Apr. 16.—General Patrick Hurley, former Ambassador to China, today blasted the "secret Yalta agreement" as the "blueprint for the Communist conquest of China."

In a debate on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's radio programme, General Hurley clashed acrimoniously with fellow guests Senator Warren Magnuson, Dr. John King Fairbank, head of Harvard's School of Chinese Studies, and journalist Lauterbach.

Lauterbach and Magnuson laid the blame for the Chinese debacle on the poverty and loss of faith of the Chinese people and proposed that the United States launch a programme outside Communist areas in Asia aimed at regaining the support of the Asian peoples.

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Production at any cost would "kill this country stone-dead," he declared.—Reuter.

Bidault Calls For Atlantic High Council For Peace

Lyons, Apr. 16.—Six were arrested here today when a Communist demonstration greeted the French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault's, arrival to open the city's International Fair.

Demonstrators scattered leaflets inside the Fair and paraded posters asking for "Peace in Vietnam."

Opening the International Fair, the French Prime Minister called for the establishment of an "Atlantic High Council for Peace." He said such a Council could co-ordinate and steer the development of the Atlantic communities on two planes—defence and economy.

The "new and essential" step which the French Government was proposing M. Bidault said, was the "logical prolongation and conjunction of all earlier ventures: the Brussels Pact, the Council of Europe, and the foundation of the Atlantic community."

M. Bidault invited the countries concerned to study "the principles and the constitution to be given to the proposed executive body, and to elaborate its powers and its relationship with individual governments."—Reuter.

THE EVANS COMMENT

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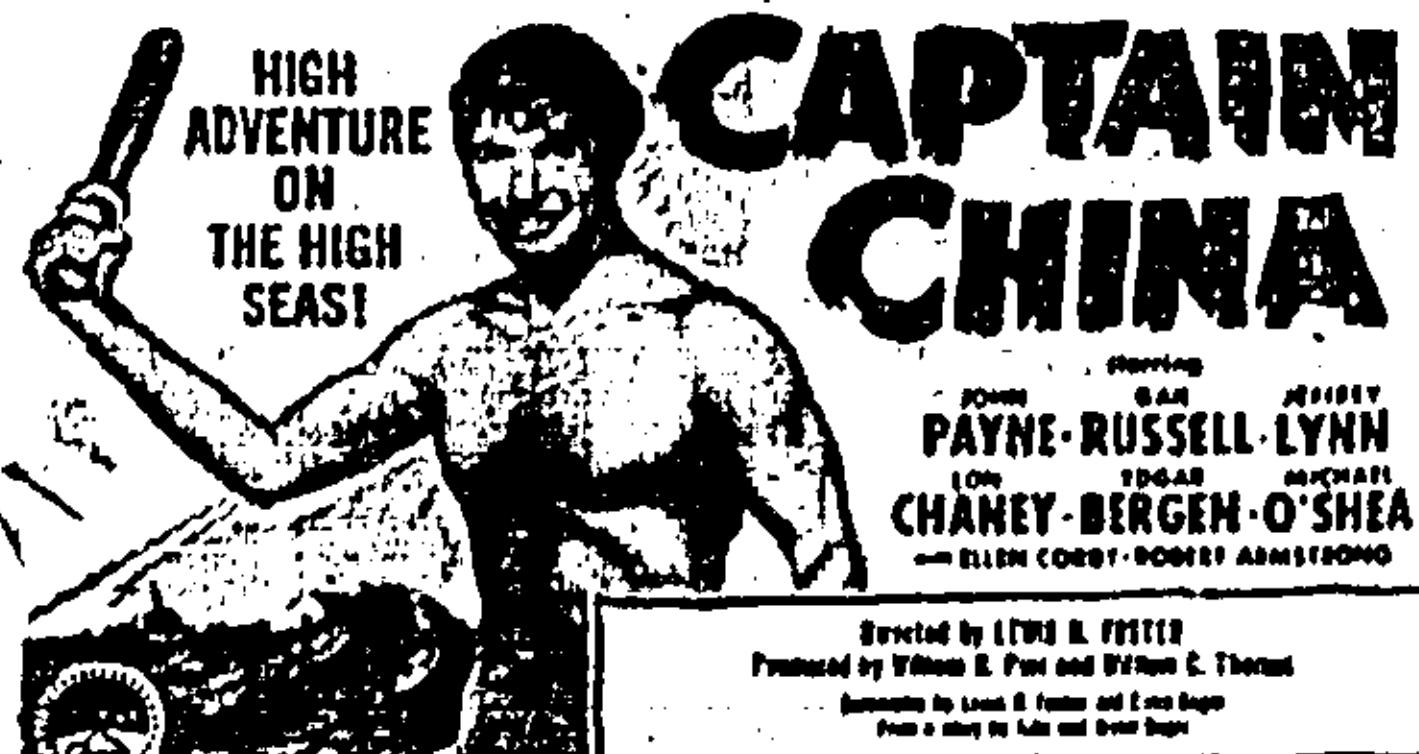
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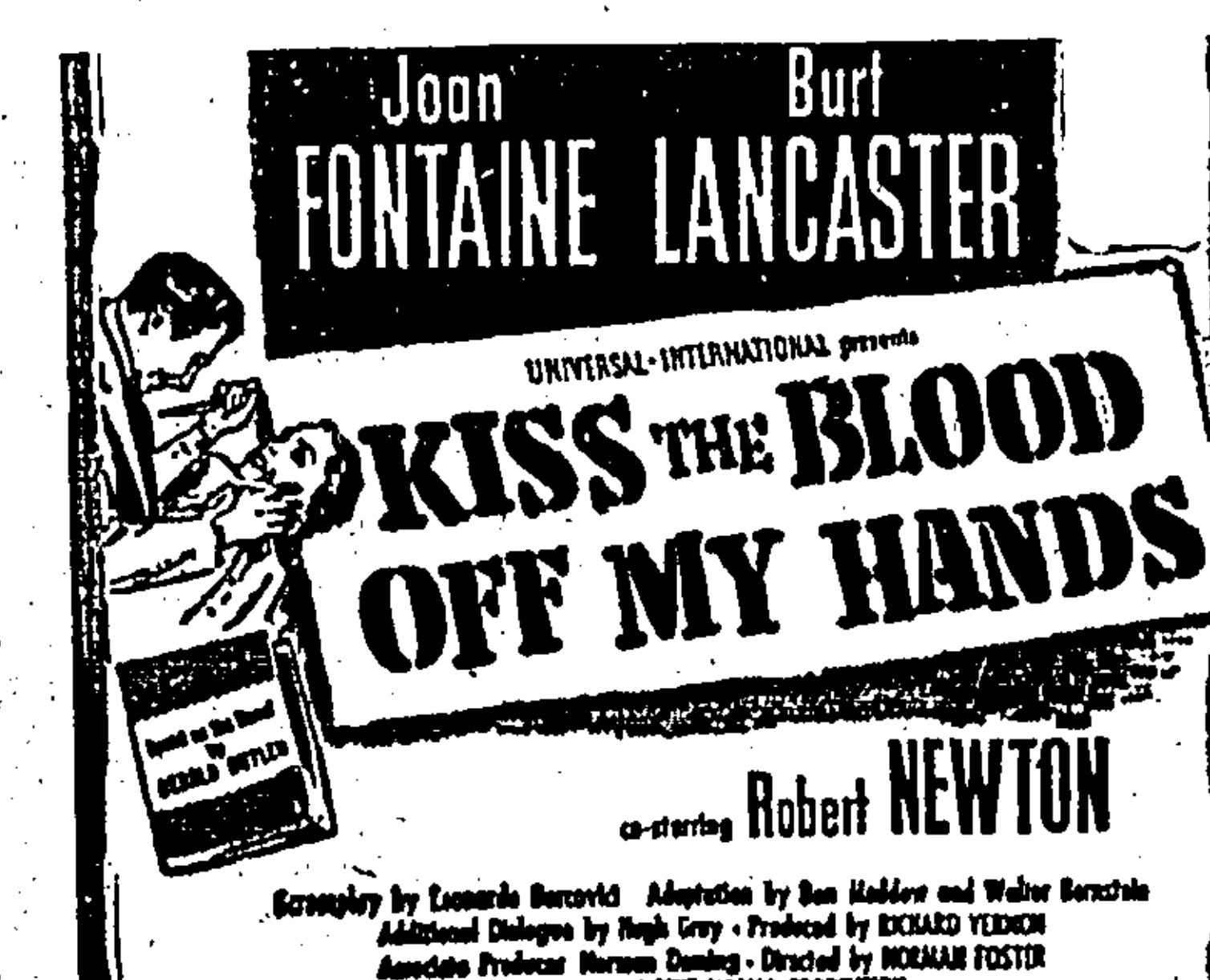
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A BRIDE BRINGS TO LONDON THE GLAMOUR OF THE EAST

A COLD reception (climatically speaking) sent a glamourous honeymoon couple scurrying from their suite at the Dorchester to the West End shops to get some really warm clothes.



THE BRIDE
Beds turned in Park Lane.

Your One-room Home Can Be Attractive

By ELEANOR ROSS

It isn't life at its simplest to make a pleasant, even an adequate home in a one-room layout for one person or two. When all the functions of living, and of entertaining, if one doesn't want to be a hermit, have to be carried on in one room, efficiency must be at its absolute. At an exhibition of decoration, were shown three one-room homes, one in provincial decor, one in modern and one that used traditional furniture.

Underlying the decorating schemes was a careful handling of such problems as time-use aspects, traffic roads, proper air and lighting, and a sense of space. In each room, a splendid use was made of colour, and of course double-duty furniture.

Modern Decor

Since so many young couples both like modern decor and start their married life in a one-room job, the modern room attracted the most attention. A drapery fabric sets the colour note. It is a heavy weave in mustard yellow patterned in white, gray, olive green, bitter-sweet and black, in a green leaf and trunk motif. Studio beds are olive green and flank a commodious storage unit in prima-vera wood veneer. Another storage unit is lacquered yellow. Black lacquer framed in natural cane that lets the air through, forms the divider between the living and dining level. A modern dining table centres a black rug. A music chest fitted with a radio doubles as a server and a bench gives extra seating. Brown walls and a rose coloured rug dominate the colour scheme of the traditional room. Brown and aqua striped satin for side chair upholstery, lime green cotton, burlap on club chairs, diamond print aqua cotton on the sofa bed, gold satin draperies and swags, make up a lush colour scheme. Brass lamp bases, gilt mirror frame, a pair of white lamp bases and some chintz pieces add another bit of colour. Furniture is mahogany or mahogany finish.

Peppermint Pink

The provincial scheme goes in for walls and a cotton loop wall to wall rug of peppermint pink. Mint green taffeta upholstery, the sofa bed which is for two. It is flanked by storage chests. A nice conversational group is made up of a large cherry wood cocktail table and lounge chairs in a small flower print, that is repeated in small sofa cushions and the ruffles of pink muslin curtains. Candelstick plaid cotton taffeta is used for the backs of chairs and for the four side chairs.

Lounge chair and ottoman use green taffeta and have their place near a record player unit that is flanked by a tier floor lamp. A large table does for dining and desk use. A server lined in back with floral chintz, holds linens, serving pieces and similar equipment. Screens covered with the same floral chintz, conceal kitchen entrance.

The bride is Christina, daughter of a wealthy Singapore Chinese and considered as one of the most beautiful girls in the East. She certainly turned many heads as she walked down Park Lane.

Christina is tall for a Chinese girl, 5 ft. 5 in. Her raven hair nearly reaches her shoulders, frames a beautifully made-up face.

Her husband is Mr Wan Tho Loke, owner of cinemas, a newspaper, tin mines and rubber plantations, and one of the richest Chinese in Singapore.

They forgot

But why were they short of warm clothes? "I am afraid that in the excitement of the wedding and honeymoon we forgot it is not as warm in England as it is in Singapore," he explained. "I did not even bring an overcoat."

He left in a hurry to buy a tweed overcoat. Mrs Wan Tho Loke was buying tailor-made costumes and a fur coat.

From the clothes she brought to London she chose for her walk to the hairdresser a pink and jade Chinese silk dress cut in the traditional straight line with a high mandarin collar, jade green crocodile skin shoes and a matching handbag.

Diamond rings

Over her dresses she wore a three-quarter length swingback realskin coat.

Her jewellery: fan-shaped earrings made of Siamese silver with jade enamel and a matching brooch; a large diamond eternity wedding ring with a diamond engagement ring.

Half-way down Park Lane, finding her hands cold, she put them in her pockets and pulled out a pair of black suede gloves. "My goodness," she said, "I bought these in New York a long time ago and had forgotten I had them. The coat has been in storage at home—we never need such garments in Singapore."

They attended a film premiere. Before she left, Christina brought six exquisite Chinese silk evening gowns from her trunk and asked for our opinions on which she should wear.

Her Choice

She decided on a turquoise silk, heavily embroidered with gold thread pagodas and mandarins on horseback. It was cut on the same perfectly straight line as her day dress, with cap sleeves, a high mandarin collar and silks at each side to give her freedom for walking. Anxiously she asked: "Will my fur coat be all right over the dress? You are rather formal in England in the way you dress."

A fortnight of their honeymoon will be spent in London. Then they sail for New York in the Queen Mary. But only after the bride has been to see her husband's old college—at Cambridge.

—London Express Service.

Street Dress



By GRACE THORNCILFFE

MEDIUM gray yarn dyed worsted is used for the design depicted here, a most wearable street dress for spring. White brocade plaque is used for the collar, the cuffs and pocket trim, the latter also dressed up with self buttons. A lap-over panel in back makes for easy walking. The belt is of gray chintz.

Having His 36th Child At 68

A 68-year-old New York City man, who has thirty-five children ranging in age from 51 to 1, including seven sets of twins and one set of triplets, has just had another child by his fourth wife.



Mrs. Loke's hairdo

New Weapon In The Battle Of Germs

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

A THOROUGH study of bacitracin, one of the most recent of the antibiotic drugs, indicates it as a very promising germ-killer.

Prepared originally from a germ known as *bacillus subtilis*, bacitracin has been produced commercially and is now available for use in the treatment of infections, many of which clear up quickly when the drug is applied directly in the form of a solution or ointment.

Eye Infections

Many patients with skin infections and eye infections have been reported as successfully treated with bacitracin without any evidence of reactions.

It is also interesting to note that bacitracin is effective in the treatment of amebic dysentery. A number of patients were given the preparation by mouth. The bacitracin is not absorbed from the intestinal tract. Thus, it acts directly upon many of the germs found in the intestinal area, destroying them on checking their growth.

Active Symptoms

The patients with amebic dysentery who were treated with bacitracin all had active symptoms including diarrhoea and the presence of blood in the bowel movements before treatment. The patients were studied over a period of 6 to 12 months and all of them were relieved of their symptoms. However, in about one-third, the parasite which causes this disease was found later in the stools, although the patients had no symptoms as a result. A second series of treatment, with increased dosage, given as soon as the amebas was discovered, got rid of the organisms in most of the cases. As a result of the treatment itself, only two patients had any disturbance. Both of these had diarrhoea, but it was not severe enough to make it necessary to stop treatment.

Bacitracin has also been used in the treatment of pneumonia with excellent results. It is suggested that this preparation be employed in cases of pneumonia which do not respond to penicillin.

There is also some evidence that penicillin, together with bacitracin, may be more effective than either one alone in the control of some infections. Further studies of this preparation are being carried out for the purpose of reducing any possible damaging effects.

Shears Are Big

Transparent fabrics will be popular with chiffon triumphantly, particularly for day in plain or pin-striped pleated shirtwaist, and for evening over contrast. Silk organdie is big. There are also quantities of cotton or organdie, which is much used at Balenciaga; and also "papier de Chine" from Swales Inamo. In a delicate print at Dior. An attractive cotton chiffon embroidered with polka dots in self colour was used in Lanvin evening gown, and is also used by Balenciaga and Lalaunie. Yellow dotted Swiss with white dots is much seen at Path's.

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A Smart Outfit Raises Morale



For late afternoon and evening, Joan Fontaine, famous movie star, chooses this smart taffeta coat which ties at the neck.

By HELEN FOLLETT

AS far as the eye of the observer is concerned, dress endevours always to seek what is flattering. She never buys cheap imitations of expensive fabrics that are sure to look shoddy. She considers herself as a complete composition, therefore does not wear crazy looking shoes that draw attention straight to her feet or a wacky hat that takes the observer's eye away from her face which should be more interesting than her millinery.

When selecting items of the wardrobe, a woman has to use her head, not just pick out a blouse or a frock in a haphazard manner. When the well dressed woman does her picking, she has in mind an ensemble. With what will she wear that blouse? Will the frock make friends with certain hats? The heavy-weight must consider the colours and patterns of fabrics since light colours and materials of large designs will make her look larger, and rounder.

The wise buyer knows her type, her best body lines, and a side tilt.

It is fatal to get into one's clothes in a hurry. Take time for putting on make-up, blending powder and rouge. Tinting the lips should be done after the frock is on. Slipping your dress over rouged lips may ruin the pretty dud, and lipstick stain is not easy to remove.

A smart hat can lose style by the way it is worn. Some are designed to be worn forward, some far back, halo fashion, some don't look like anything at all unless they are worn with a side tilt.



Dishing Up An

Appetising Fish Patter

"VOILA!" exclaimed the like flavour is desired add 2 envelopes broth powder or 2 beef bouillon cubes.

Broiled Fillets of Flounder Use a good-sized heat-proof platter or metal platter. Rub pliantly with butter or margarine. On it place 1/2 lbs. fresh or defrosted fillets of flounder. Dust with 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Cover lightly with 1/2 c. dry bread crumbs mixed with 2 tbsp. melted butter or margarine. Place 4 inches from the heat and broil until the flesh forms flakes when tested with a fork, about 12-15 min. If necessary place closer to the heat to brown. When done pour over 2 tbsp. melted butter or margarine, and garnish with lemon wedges and crisp water cress.

Swet-Sour Beets Plain cook or pressure-cook 8 medium-sized beets. Peel and cut in small dice. Then combine with a sweet-sour sauce and let stand to season in a warm place 5 min. Just before serving add 1 tbsp. butter or margarine and sprinkle, if desired with 1 1/2 tbsp. minced parsley, mint or fresh dill.

"And this fish service has eye appeal, Madame, because the fish is not broken, as often happens when it must be transferred to a serving platter."

Dinner All-Vegetable Soup Broiled Fillet of Flounder Lemon Wedges and Cress Parsiled Potatoes Hot Sweet-Sour Beets Raisin Cup Cakes Coffee or Tea (Children) Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine. All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

Sweet-Sour Sauce: Combine 1/2 c. cider vinegar and 1/2 scant cup sugar. Stir and bring to boiling point. Next add 2 tbsp. butter or margarine and sprinkle, if desired with 1 1/2 tbsp. minced parsley, mint or fresh dill.

Hot Sweet-Sour Beets Raisin Cup Cakes Cornstarch to 1 tbsp. cold water. Stir until smooth and add to the heated vinegar mixture. Cook and stir 2 min. Use as directed.

Raisin Cup Cakes Into a mixing bowl measure 1/2 c. butter, margarine or shortening and cream until smooth and soft. Add 1 1/2 c. sugar and stir until creamy. Then break in 4 eggs one at a time, creaming each one in thoroughly before adding the next. Mix together 2 1/2 c. cake flour, 3 c. tsp. baking powder, 1/2 c. tsp. nutmeg, 1/2 c. sugar and 34 c. whole or selected raisins. Add 2 1/2 c. of this to the creamed mixture, then add the balance alternately with 1/2 c. milk, continuing until all is used; beat 29 strokes. Transfer to cupcake pan that have been lightly oiled, and dusted with flour. Bake in moderate oven, 350° F. from 20-25 min. or until golden brown. Turn out onto a wire rack to cool. The raisins are golden brown on top, and the toothpick rapid boil. Add the vegetables and let it gradually melt; add 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, and slow-cook until blended with the vegetables.

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RELIGION FOR THE HOMELESS



THE Rev. Ian Hunter, curate of St. Paul's Church in London, holds services in front of the mobile church-anteen of the London Embankment Mission for the Homeless. Hot soup and tea are served free in the "church."—(Acme).

"Widow Snooping" Arouses Australians

Sydney, Apr. 16.—No more "widow snooping," Repatriation Minister Walter J. Cooper has warned investigators of war widows' pensions. "Widow-snooping," newspapers and leaders of ex-service women's organisations charged, involves spying on war widows for evidence of immorality.

Australian war widows receive £3 weekly. A clause in the repatriation act empowers the Repatriation Commission, to refuse a pension or terminate it.

Critics charged that some pensions were stopped after government investigators visited widows' homes at night.

Cooper told Parliament the Commission had no right to "spy" on war widows because authority to make such investigations was withdrawn a year ago by the former socialist Labour Government.

Newspapers opposed the investigations as a flagrant example of government meddling in the people's private affairs.

One of the country's most distinguished and best war widows campaigned for months against "spying" on widows. She is Mrs George Vasey, widow of a famous general killed in a plane crash after brilliant service in New Guinea.

She said hundreds of war widows would re-marry if they could keep their pensions. Without the pension, she said, many will not risk failure of a new marriage.

VISITS AT NIGHT

Lady Stanton Hicks, told a conference of ex-service men that investigators, working in pairs, visited widows' homes at night and pulled out drawers when searching for evidence of immorality. Neighbors immediately branded a widow, she said, whether she was innocent or guilty.

The conference carried a resolution expressing its "disgust" and asking the Government to stop investigations "foreign to British Justice."

Lady Hicks said a war widow whose pension is stopped because of alleged immorality first finds out about it when she goes to collect it.

"Humiliated in front of other pensioners," she said, "the war

widow has no means of appeal and the Repatriation Department will give no reasons or let her see the files."

"I don't think anyone can be the custodian of people's morality," Cooper said. "That is absurd. The life of an individual is his private concern so long as it conforms to the law."

Lady Hicks maintains that a guarantee that investigations will be stopped is not enough. She wants the law amended so that investigators will have no legal right to enter widows' homes to check on their morality.

"It is a threat to a widow's chance of remarrying," she said, "because widows are not only afraid to ask a man into the home, but don't even dare to be seen out with a man since someone might 'report' them."—United Press.

Six Nations Will Explore Arctic Area For Weather Clue

By Noel Mostert

Montreal, Apr. 16.—A six-nation expedition to Canada's largest and bleakest Arctic island believes its muskeg wastes may tell them whether the earth is getting warmer and its water supply shrinking.

Their findings, added to evidence from other parts of the world pointing to a new trend in the weather, may be the key to several major scientific problems.

The party of 18 or 20 Canadian, American, British, Finnish and Norwegian scientists, accompanied by a team of Swiss mountaineers, will fly from here to Baffin Island in May.

The island is the fifth largest in the world and is more than twice the size of the United Kingdom.

An examination of the glacial structure of its virtually unexplored interior is expected to reveal whether the retreat of glaciers and ice caps, already observed in Alaska and Norway, is a world-wide phenomenon, with possible effects on climate and water reservoirs.

WEATHER MEN PUZZLED

Mild weather in eastern North America and sub-zero temperatures on the usually blustery Canadian west coast have puzzled weather men. On checking records, they found a definite trend towards warmer winters had set in as far back as 1870.

Ships are reaching Spitzbergen, north of Norway, nine months in the year instead of three 30 years ago, and the permanently frozen subsoil of the sub-Arctic is melting.

This information, jumped with that brought back by the expedition, may help scientists to reach conclusions which may have a big effect on world

economy.

Col. P. D. Baird, who com-
manded Canada's famed 1946

Expedition to the Hudson Bay area, will lead the expedition, which will be away from May until September.

AIR PHOTOS TAKEN

Baird, announcing the ex-
pedition on behalf of the Arctic Institute of North America, said maps were being prepared from air photographs taken in 1948 and 1949.

Much of the research work

will be carried out on a pecu-
liar ice cap, some 100 miles by

40, surrounded by flat or gently

rolling ground, and lying west

of the Baffin Island supply

station on the River Clyde.

The party's chief glaciologist,

W. H. Ward, of the Scientific and Industrial Research Department of the United Kingdom, will be in charge there.

He said:

"The Arctic region of Canada, which comprise some 23 percent of the total area of the country, are still extremely unknown. The outlines and coasts have been mapped, but scientifically this area is one of the largest blanks on the map of the world.

ONLY AN OUTLINE

"The east coast of this island was fairly well known to the whaling ships in the last century, but even the outline of

the west coast has been filled in only in the last 40 years."

The expedition leader ex-
plained that existing maps of the area do not show the heads or outlines of many of the deep inlets which penetrate the east coast and the interior was almost completely blank north of latitude 68 degrees.

A Norseman aircraft, equip-
ped for sleds in the spring and
floats for the summer, will
ferry supplies to the expedition
as it heads into the Baffin Island hinterland.

The only woman with the
party will be Mrs Pierre Dan-
sereau, whose husband is a
botanist. He is a Guggenheim
fellow. In the United States,
Mrs Dansereau will paint and
sketch.—United Press.

IT'S CHILI ALL RIGHT



ALTHOUGH it looks as if it might have arrived on one of those talked-about flying saucers, this is only a maki, from French Madagascar. The little creature, now in Paris, resembles a common mouse and behaves like a monkey and it may reach a height of five feet when full grown.—(Acme).

Safeguarding The Crown Jewels

Among the few things in the world which are literally without price are the State jewels of the nations, chief among them being the historic British Crown Jewels and those legendary treasures which make up the Crown Jewels of Persia. Less well known, but almost equally fabulous, are the steps which are taken to protect this regalia against burglary.

Some of these secrets have just been revealed to a party of London bankers who visited the works of Chubb and Sons Lock and Safe Company Ltd., when they were shown the massive strong-room doors soon to be despatched to new buildings of the Bank Mell Illan at Teheran where the Persian Crown Jewels will be stored.

Entrance to one of these strong rooms, where the famous Peacock Throne and other treasures will be displayed, is controlled by a steel door weighing 10 tons and 20 inches thick. When closed the door is secured by two key-locks and one keyless combination lock capable of no less than one hundred million different combinations. A would-be thief, without any clue to the correct combination and taking less than one minute to set each one, would have to live to be 200 years of age to work through the lot. Even then he would find that a time-lock prevented the door being opened except at a predetermined time.

The stag line frowns. Three's a crowd and Supersonic Sable, the Chihuahua charmer, doesn't like crowds. The blonde is Janie Stevens, 23, a pert pint-sized singer at the Old Knick, a cafe-theatre specialising in melodrama, red-checked tablecloths and deer.

Miss Stevens, who stands four feet 11 inches and weighs 65 pounds, Chihuahua in hand, is the star attraction.

DO TOWN TOGETHER

Janie, a singer since she was 15, started taking Supersonic Sable to the theatre with her each evening. After the show they do the town together.

Subie's life, however, was not always one of gay revelry and gadding about the Gay White Way. Before her emancipation she used to remain at Miss Stevens' apartment and snooze while her mistress was out visiting the bistro and dog biscuits.

This prosaic existence ended abruptly when Miss Stevens

found that upon returning home after a hard night at the theatre Sable would be full of life and ginger. She would enlist all sorts of gules and cute tricks to get her mistress to forgo the sack for a little trisking and good-natured play.

JANIE REBELS

The result? Janie Stevens got very little sleep.

"Enough!" cried Janie. "From now on you can go to all the shows with me. Then maybe we'll both get some sleep."

The following night Sable had her first taste of New York's night life. She started with the theatre followed by visits to many of the better bistros.

She polished off the evening with a ride home in a taxi, encircled beside her mistress. Then a quick canter around the block and Sable and Janie retired for the night.

It worked. Sable was all tuckered out and slept like a dog until very late the next day.—United Press.

DIFFERENT KIND OF RING



RETIRING heavyweight champ Joe Louis is getting acquainted with a new kind of opponent as he enters a circus ring with three lions at their winter headquarters in Gonzales, Texas. If Joe takes a job with the circus, as rumoured, those cats had better get tame in a hurry.—(Acme).

Drama At Edinburgh Festival

Details of the drama programme at the fourth Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama—from August 20 to September 10—have recently been announced.

The Glasgow Citizens Theatre, which has done excellent work in its own region over a number of years, will occupy the Lyceum Theatre for the whole three weeks of the Festival. Three plays will be given in repertory, that is to say it will be possible for a visitor to see all three in any one week; two are modern, one a Scottish classic.

The plays are "The Queen's" by James Bridie, starring Sonsi Dresden; "The Atom Doctor" by Eric Lindström; and William Horne's "Douglas". "The Atom Doctor", based on a theme by Ben Jonson, has a modern setting in a Scottish city. "Douglas", in which the principal roles will be taken by Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson, deals with a Scottish legend set in the period of the Danish invasions.



QUEEN Mother Victoria of Spain walks past saluting Swiss guards after a private audience with Pope Pius XII in the Vatican City.—(Acme).

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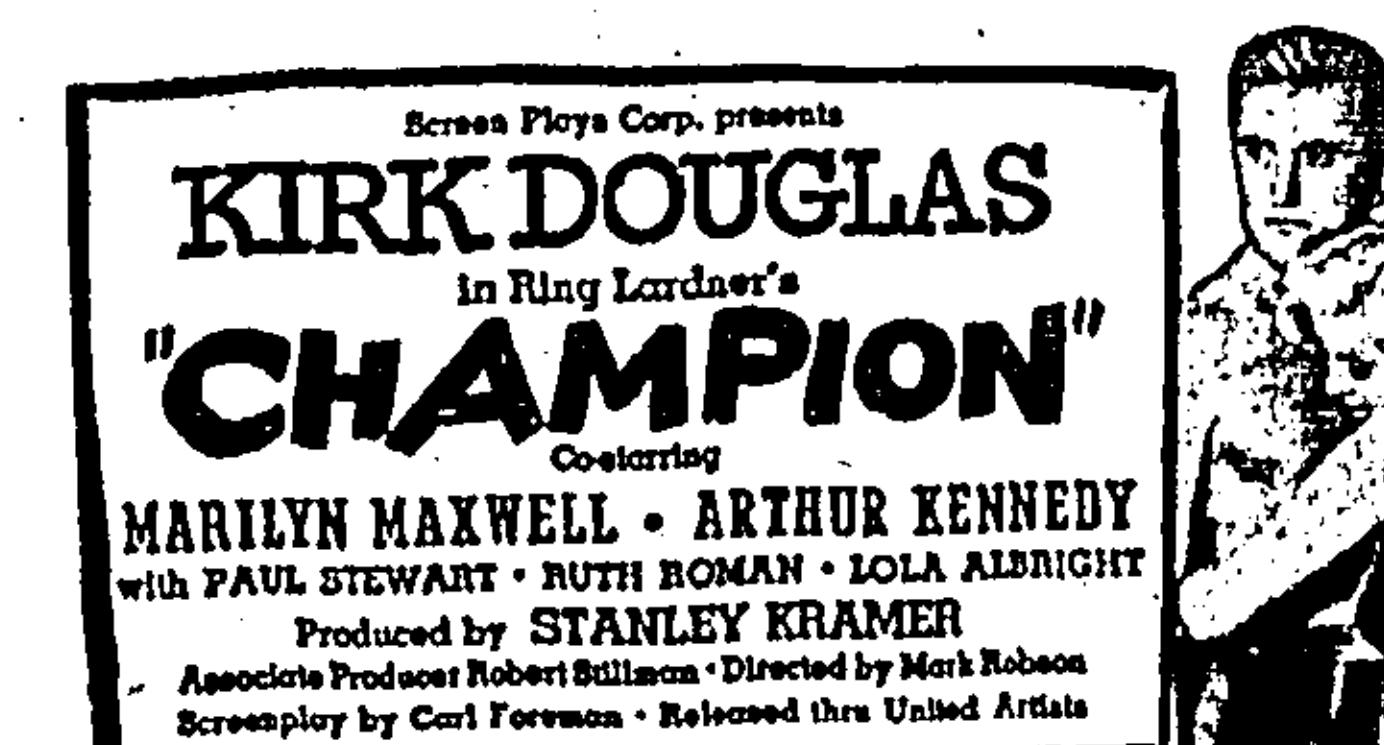
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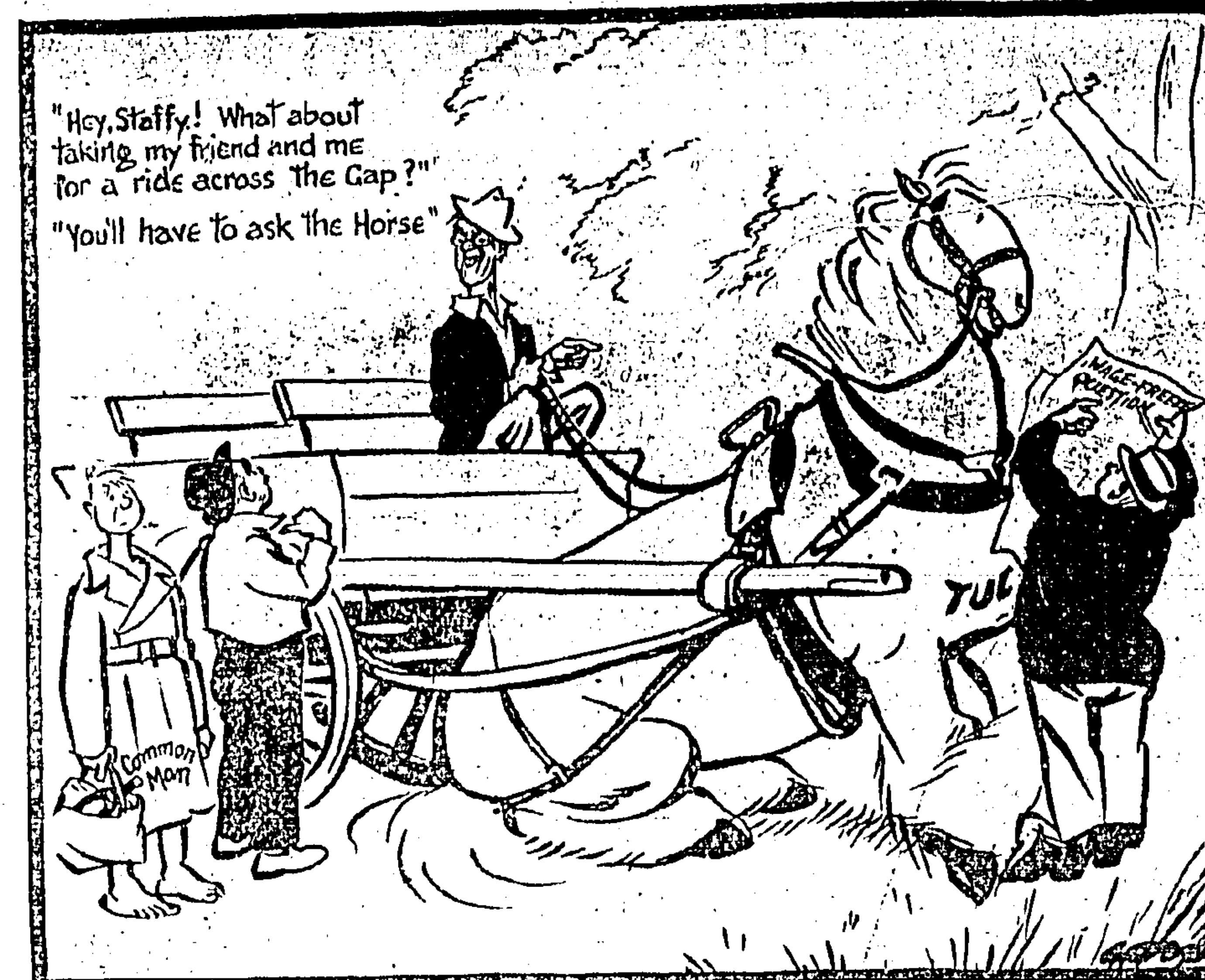
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ALSO LATEST PARAMOUNT NEWS



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Touchy? Why, even a game of marbles started a massacre

by SYDNEY SMITH

CALCUTTA. In a narrow Calcutta lane, little more than a garbage-filled rats' run, a cluster of street urchins knelt to play marbles.

Young Ibrahim Khan bounced Ram Lal Gupta's best alley, with a plop straight into the crusty scum of a flooded drain.

Ram Lal howled until his father uncrossed his legs and scrambled down from the shelf of his fruit and betel nut stall and caught Ibrahim by the ear. Then Ibrahim's father arrived to see what it was all about.

Forty-five minutes later the mist of tear-gas lifted from the militant rubble of stones and sticks and bricks to show 27 bodies lying in the silent lane—Hindus and Moslems. None of them had cared about a marble game or known about cat's-eyes alleys.

Some had died because they cared about pigtails and sandalwood p a s t e

smear on their foreheads, and others because they believed that there is only one God and that Mahomet is His prophet.

None of them had wanted to kill or die. But they did it because they were afraid.

This is not fiction. It is one of the minor incidents in the present India-Pakistan-Bengal communal war, recorded in the police report book of a Calcutta slum. There are others even more obscure: the pickpocket arrested in a bus who escaped while the mob stoned him as they burned and stoned three more buses....

The Moslem who could not pay his bill of 1s. 1d. for his betel chew to the Hindu shopkeeper and started a communal riot that sent 27 others to hospital.

These small instances are part of the haunting black magic and terror which in the past two months has uprooted three-quarters of a million Bengali Hindus and Moslems from their centuries-old homes. It has sent them trekking across an artificial 2½-year-old border that has proclaimed, to the accompaniment of popular clamour and two already bankrupt British Commonwealth Governments,

In Calcutta—in New Delhi, too—no one hesitates to say openly that Nehru would sign his own death warrant if he compromised on Kashmir or Bengal, or even on the trade deadlock.

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in Calcutta, that India must

fight and Nehru must resign.

'War readiness'

THREE-QUARTERS of Paki-

Tan's and a half of India's Bud-

get is devoted to keeping these two Commonwealth neighbours in a state of "war readiness" against each other.

To death and devestation are joined the economic blockade of both sides. They have cut off trade, commerce and communications almost as drastically as if the borders were already firing lines....

While at the top a springing

of men of wisdom and good

will, headed by Jawaharlal

Nehru and Liaqat Ali Khan, are

fast becoming candidates for

Gandhian martyrdom by seek-

ing a compromise, a great

victorious middle and lower

middle class, led by fanatical

semi-educated windbags and

ambitious political provocateurs, is howling for war.

The militant nationalist

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Line-up on the May conferences

Big Three will discuss Far East problems

WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS: BRITISH SUGGESTIONS FILL EIGHT PAGES

London, Apr. 16.—The Big Three Foreign Ministers conference to be held on May 8 in London will review the whole field of foreign policy and study an overall line of their future moves in the cold war in European co-operation and Far Eastern developments, according to government officials today.

Leopold Offer Creates New Situation

Brussels, Apr. 16.—The Belgian Catholic Party's Executive today described King Leopold's broadcast offer last night to hand over his Royal prerogatives temporarily to his son as "contrary to the initiatives of the party," but it paid "homage to the high sentiments expressed in the King's message and to the sovereign's desire to reconcile the Belgian people."

The leading Catholic newspaper, *Libre Belgique*, reaffirmed its views that the provisionally exiled King's return to the throne must be "unconditional."

Catholic leaders interviewed by the newspaper were quoted as saying that they considered the King's offer to transfer his powers for the time being to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin, as "unconstitutional."

TRAFFIC JAMS
The attitude of the main anti-Leopold party, the Socialists, was not expected to be known until tomorrow, when the party's Executive will meet to consider the new situation created by the King's offer.

According to anti-Leopold Brussels newspaper, *Le Soir*, Belgian Socialists would insist on a clarification of a number of points in the King's message, especially "those regarding the guarantee of the rights of the (anti-Leopold) minority."

According to reports from all parts of the country, every single Belgian radio appeared to have been tuned in to the King's recorded broadcast.

In the larger cities there were traffic jams as motorists with car radios pulled into the kerb to allow passers-by to listen.—Reuter.

SERETSE HOME AMID CHEERS

Serowe, Apr. 16.—Seretse Khama, exiled chief designate of the Bamangwato tribe, returned to his white wife for a short visit today amid the rousing cheers of his people.

As Seretse's car rolled into Serowe shortly after midnight, ending a 300-mile dash from Lobatse through the African bush, "Queen Ruth" ran out of their house and met him quarter-mile down the road.

Photographers' bulbs lit the path for Seretse's car, which went slowly through the town and then came to a stop in front of Ruth. Seretse bounded from his seat and embraced his wife, a former London typist. He took a handkerchief and wiped the tears from her cheeks and said, "Everything is going to be all right."

Later in the morning, the couple called on the District Commissioner, Mr. Forbes Mackenzie, and Seretse reported his arrival. All along the four-mile road from their bungalow, crowds gathered and whistled and chanted their greetings.

In front of Mackenzie's office, some held out their hands to touch the hem of Ruth's skirt.

Seretse was allowed to come here only on condition that peace was maintained. He plans to obtain documentary proof that his tribe wants him as their leader for the forthcoming hearing, in which he will appeal against the British Government's decision banning him from the Bamangwato reservation for five years.

This was the couple's first meeting since early this year, when he was called to London for consultations with government officials and was informed of his exile.—United Press.

"I think my job in the department store was more interesting work than this office routine—there were two fellows there who proposed to me!"

Sold By The Bunch



Unstable economic trends and a general business depression force a dealer in Tokyo, Japan, to sell his neckties by their weight. The hard-pressed dealer lets them go for about 14 cents a bunch, in American coins.



Last summer George Bernard Shaw, 93, entertained Sir Robert Hotung, 87, the Hongkong industrialist, at his Ayot St. Lawrence, Herts, home. Mr Shaw much admired Sir Robert's Chinese robes. Now he has one of his own. Sir Robert sent it recently from Kowloon.

Integration Of Europe Imperative

Milan, Apr. 16.—The ECA chief, Mr. James Zellerbach, said today that economic integration of Europe was imperative and he asked European nations to "fulfill their promises" on that score.

Speaking at the Milan International Fair on the special Marshall Plan Day, Mr. Zellerbach reminded Italians of the economic gains of the past two years under ECA and said the first steps formed the nucleus for the economic integration of Europe. He added that the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation nations "have assumed a formal commitment to achieve economic integration."

"All we ask is that these promises be fulfilled. We think major steps should be taken in that direction before the end of the Marshall Plan because the Plan itself can actively assist the movement."—United Press.

GILMAN'S BAZAAR FIRE ALARM

Faulty electric wiring caused a small fire on the first floor of 4 Gilman's Bazaar this morning. Both the Fire Brigade and the Emergency Unit reached the scene soon after the outbreak and the fire was put out without any serious damage.

Frisco 'Quake

San Francisco, Apr. 16.—A brief, sharp earthquake was widely felt in the San Francisco Bay region this morning, but indications were it caused no damage.—United Press.

POINT FOUR WARNING

Delays Dangerous

Philadelphia, Apr. 16.—Dr Alan Valentine, president of the University of Rochester, warned yesterday that President Truman's Point Four programme will become a "minor failure" in American diplomacy unless it soon become a working reality.

Dr Valentine told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences that "delays between proposal and performance" in the Point Four programme have brought great disappointments and "even terrors."

The Truman proposal raised excessive hopes in countries to be aided "their ignorance gave them no realistic understanding of the slowness and difficulties of economic progress. Impatience and disappointment has led toward cynicism about American promises."

Dr Valentine said the next step should be an "official statement of American policy and procedure under Point Four." Such statement must be sufficiently detailed to answer questions of procedure still under debate.—United Press.

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BRITISH BOXERS WANT TO GET BACK ON THE CHAMPIONS' ROLL

London, Apr. 16.—Less than a year ago British boxers held European Championships at four weights—Bruce Woodcock (heavy), Freddie Mills (light-heavy), Billy Thompson (light) and Rinty Monaghan (fly). Mills and Monaghan were also World Champions.

At the present time no British boxer appears among either the world or European list of Champions, though not all have been beaten for their titles.

Woodcock had his European Championship taken from his last year and Monaghan retired unbeaten World and European Flyweight Champion because of ill-health.

There is now intense eagerness among more than one man, and at more than one weight, to get his name on the Champions' roll, and some of their ambitions may be realised on the night of April 23.

Terry Allen, of London, who once boxed a draw for the World Flyweight honours with Monaghan, then, meets Honore Pratesi, of France, for Monaghan's vacated title.

MORE YET

On the same bill, Danny O'Sullivan, of London, fights Luis Romero, Spain, for the latter's European Bantamweight crown.

Then Woodcock's coming fight with Lee Savold is, in many quarters, regarded as a must for the night behind him. Woodcock will, no doubt, seek somebody to fight for the European crown, at present vacant.

There are also some cruiser-weights in England with plans to storm the vacancies left by Freddie Mills' retirement as the British and European Champion.

The April 25 bouts at Harringay are, needless to say, the contests of greatest attention in this bid for Championship crowns and the two British boxers concerned are being given the best possible preparation.

They have both left London for a seaside resort, where they

Nat Fleischer Accepts Offer

Burbank, California, Apr. 16.—Nat Fleischer, editor of The Ring magazine, said here today he had accepted an offer to act as one of the judges for the World Bantamweight title fight in Johannesburg on May 20.

The bout is between Manuel Ortiz, the Mexican-born holder, and Vic Towell, the Empire and South African Champion.

Mr. Fleischer said that originally he had been asked by the Johannesburg promoter to referee the bout, but had declined because of his health.

Ezzard Charles May Never Fight Again

Ezzard Charles, negro holder of the American NBA Heavyweight Championship, may never fight again. Ordered to rest for two months with a bruised heart muscle, Charles faces another medical examination at the end of the period—and my information is that the doctors are likely to be "tough."

Colleague Frederick Cook, cabling from New York, says that Charles' chances of returning to the ring in June depend on "complete rest."

ON THE RECORD

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE WEEK-END'S SPORT

The visiting Korean football team proved over the week-end that if football is improving in Asia, that is in Korea, a country whose footballers have not only challenged our supremacy this side of Caledonia, but are now our superiors.

Before capacity crowds that saw Hongkong putting up two good shows in two successive days, the Colony went down 3-0 and 1-3. In the second game, Hongkong was buckling, but it is past the time when we should blame it on luck. We were good, they were better.

A feature about the whole show was that all of Korea's team did not seem to consist of one tall, be-spectacled centre-forward. The team was full of star players. Whom did Hongkong lack? Was it Tannett?

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The Land Forces Athletic Championships were held on Saturday at Soakpoo with nearly every record in the book beaten in a competition involving the shining athletic lights of one of the biggest garrisons Hongkong has ever had. Then again, records only started being kept last year.

In the circumstances, it was disappointing to see the standards not very much higher than they have ever been. There wasn't a mark set, with the exception of—and I am not too sure about these either—the Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump—that could claim to be local Army records.

Five feet seven inches in the High Jump, or even the 5 feet 6 inches that was done outside the competition proper, I have seen beaten by at least three Army jumpers since 1937.

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So, when one sees winning times of 10.7 seconds and 24.0 seconds in the two sprints, this is, indeed, depressing to say the least.

Marks in the field events were not so wonderful, either, and a study of the performances makes particularly interesting the report from University sources that the Army considers itself to have too strong a team for a match against the University and King George V School.

There is no doubt that Army is stronger, but I can see University winning quite a few of the events. In any case, as we understand it, the triangular match that had been arranged has been called off.

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The Hancock Shield match at Cox's Road ended in a draw and proved that even given all the time in the world in which to score, Hongkong cricketers have by now quite made up their mind that this Colony's cricket grounds must be regarded as a reserve for wicket-devouring bowlers, by no means an extinct breed here.

Maximum score by any batsman with two turns at the wicket was N. R. Oliver's 63 (6 and 57), with H. Owen Hughes not far behind with 59 (31 and 28 not out) and Noel Arthy 54 (10 and 44).

Len Stokes could only manage 14 and 14 and Laurie Kilbee, the only batsman to have ever scored a century in the Hancock Shield, was satisfied with 0 and 5.

Matches between the Pakistani Davis Cup tennis players and local champions which were postponed yesterday afternoon because of rain, will be held from 5 p.m. to-day at the Chinese Recreation Club.

Alam is due to meet Tsui Wal-pui, Ahmed will play Ip Koon-hung, and Ahmed and Tsui Wal-pui will meet Ip and Edwin Teal in the doubles.

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Inquiries, however, reveal that there is no foundation whatsoever to the story that wider bats will be tried experimentally in the Second Division next season.

RECODER.

FAST AND FURIOUS



SHOWPIECE OF SOCCER:

New Belhurst Park Stadium To Rival Wembley?

London, Apr. 16.—Wembley Stadium, London's showpiece of soccer, may be seriously rivalled if a scheme to reconstruct the present Crystal Palace football ground at Belhurst Park, South-East London, materialises.

Plans involve the expenditure of nearly half a million sterling to make this well situated ground the biggest in England, with a capacity of 120,000, more than Wembley, which takes just under 100,000.

Banked on all four sides by roads, Crystal Palace has the advantage of a vast crowd quickly clearing and there is little doubt that if the project goes through, many representative games will be staged there.

Provisional plans, which have yet to be approved by the Croydon Council, cater for double-decker stands on three sides of the ground. The present stand would be pulled down and open terraces would be substituted to enable the sun and air to get to the pitch and ensure good turf.

FIRST OBJECT

Their first object is to put the club on a firm financial basis and try to gain promotion for the Third Division side. They are all very big businessmen, with considerable resources behind them, so that there will be no lack of money to carry out the objectives.

Their First Division goal may not be so very far off for the club has shown considerable improvement since last season, when they were in the throes of relegation.

Under the leadership of the former Arsenal player, Ronnie Cooke, now the player-manager, Palace are safely en-

closed in the top half of the Third Division, Southern, table.

The chairman of the Board of Directors adopted the view that once the club is in the First Division support will come and there will be no difficulty in maintaining large attendances to warrant the expenditure.—Reuter.

Gussie Moran Wins Title

Nice, Apr. 16.—Miss "Gussie" Moran, the United States lawn tennis star, today won the Women's Singles event in the Nice International Tournament. In the final she overwhelmed her French opponent, Mme Josette Amouretti, by 6-0, and 6-0.

Budge Patti, of Los Angeles, won the all-American Men's Singles final, beating Tony Trabert, 19-year-old Cincinnati University student, by 6-2 and 6-4.—Reuter.

EASY FOR SIDWELL

Rome, Apr. 16.—Australia's Bill Sidwell was the only seeded player engaged when the Italian International Lawn Tennis Championships opened here today.

He beat Manuel Buayek (Spain) by 6-1 and 6-0.

Sidwell is seeded No. 3 behind Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech, and Billy Talbert, of the United States.—Reuter.

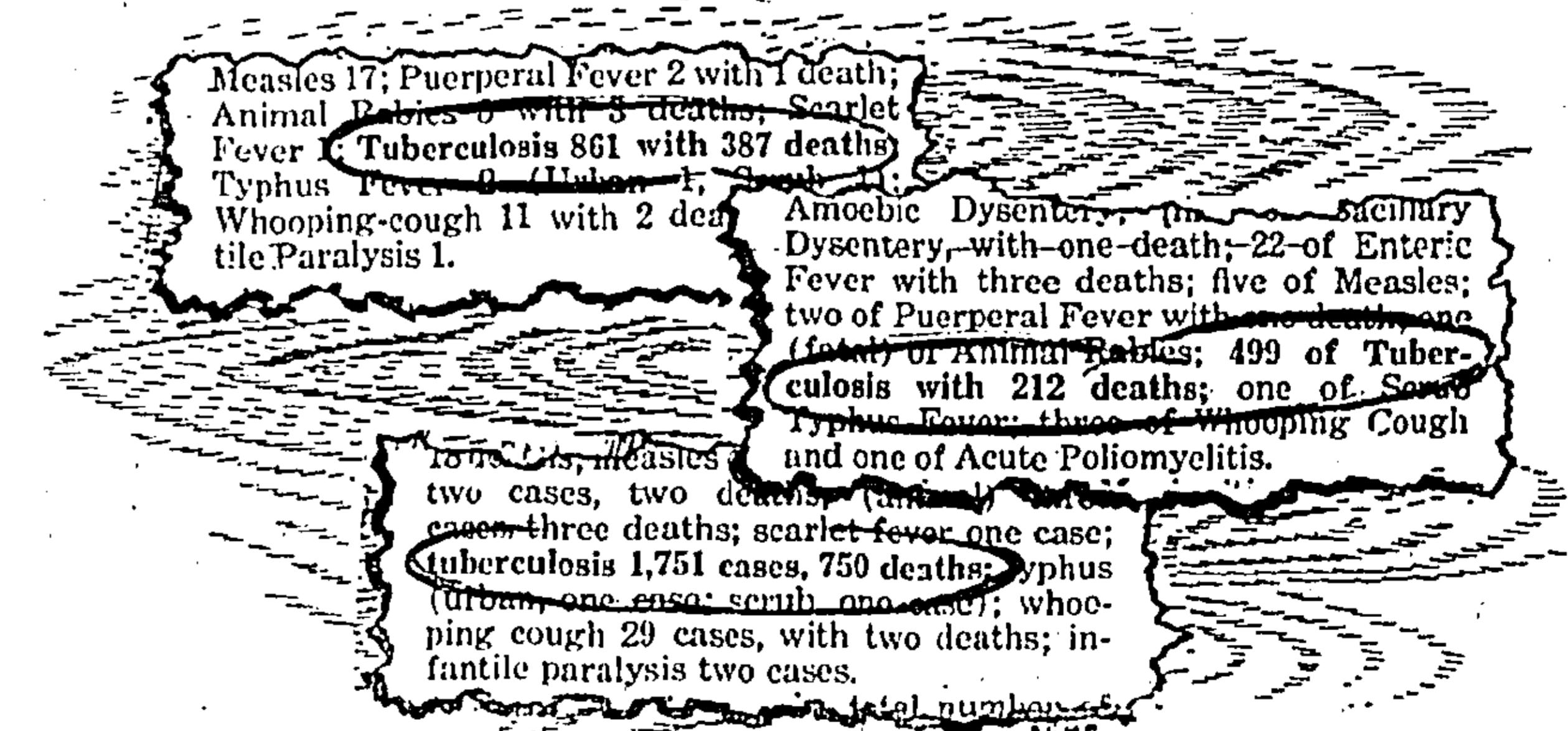
London Beats Paris 8-3 At Rugger

Paris, Apr. 16.—London beat Paris by eight points to three in the annual Inter-city Rugby Union match, played today at the Jean Boule Stadium. London led 5-0 at half-time. It was the 20th match of the series. London has now won 11, Paris 8, with one game drawn.—Reuter.

An Appeal for Your Help

In order to wage a ceaseless and effective campaign against the ravages of tuberculosis which exact such a terrible toll of human life in Hongkong, an Appeal is being launched to every section of the community. The sadness and suffering which result from this scourge need no emphasis. The grim picture is vividly revealed in tragic statistics. The Reports of the Hongkong Medical Department which appear in the Press with almost monotonous regularity, provide the picture and the story.

Here are three scraps of paper torn out at random:—



The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is striving to carry on its work without interruption, and has already brought relief and hope to many homes. The extent of the activities of the Association can only be measured by the degree of generous and sympathetic support from all races; all creeds; and all conditions of the people of this Colony. No contribution is too small. No contribution can be too large. They will be received by The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation; The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. The South China Morning Post; The China Mail; The Wah Kiu Yat Po. Cheques should be crossed—"Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association."

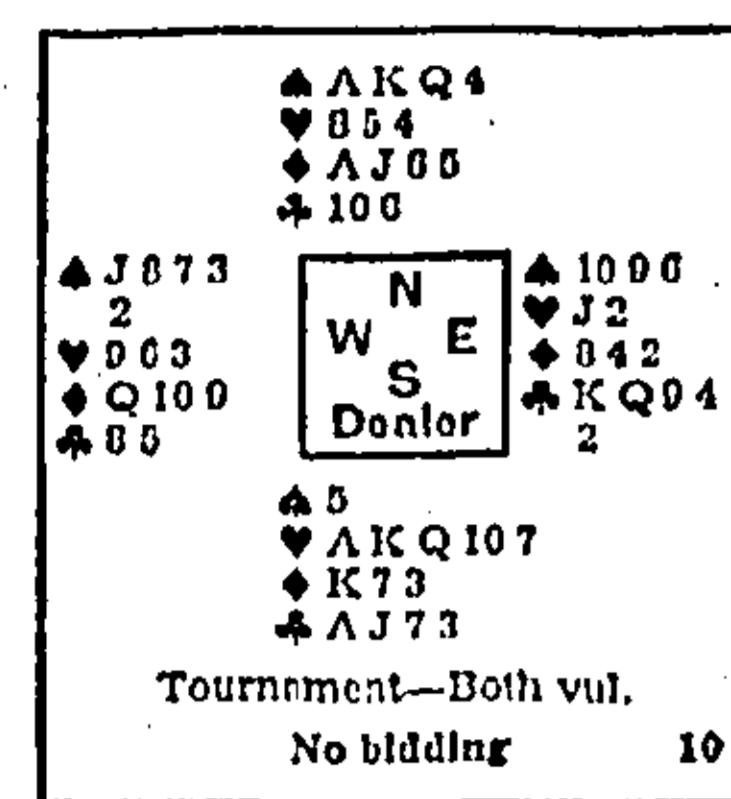
The lives of thousands of victims are threatened; They want to live! Won't you—

GIVE THAT THEY MAY LIVE

• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Even the Experts Occasionally Slip Up



BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

I AM not giving you any bidding in today's hand because I want you to discuss the bidding yourselves. There were nine pairs who played the hand. One pair bid and made seven hearts. Six pairs bid six hearts. One pair only got to five hearts and the other pair, believe it or not, doubled the opponents at two spades.

The pair who bid and made seven hearts got a small trump opening by West. The trick was won by the declarer with the queen, after East dropped the Jack. Declarer took two rounds of trump and then cashed the King of diamonds.

A small diamond was played and the Jack finessed. After all declarer did not have much choice as his contract was to make seven. When it held he claimed the balance of the tricks.

Of the six pairs who bid six hearts, four of them went down. Most of them made the following mistake: They won the opening lead with the queen and led a small club to the ten-spot.

East won it with the queen and returned a small trump, which the declarer won with the King. He cashed the ace of clubs and led a small club, which West ruffed with the nine-spot.

The two pairs who bid and made six hearts got a spade opening, which was won by dummy with the queen. The ten of clubs was led, East split his honours and declarer won the trick with the ace. Declarer now took three rounds of trump.

He went over to dummy with the ace of diamonds and cashed the ace-king of spades, discarding a club and a diamond. Declarer then led a small club, which East won with the king and declarer's Jack of clubs was good for the needed 12th trick.

Some of the experts, in discussing the hand, agreed that with a trump lead declarer should take three rounds of trump, then play the ace and king of diamonds and lead a small diamond to the Jack. West, in this case, has to win the trick with the queen.

However, if West plays a low diamond the Jack must be played from dummy. If East wins with the queen, the fourth diamond will be good for a valuable discard of a club.

Now the next time you play a ruff contract just remember that even the best of players slips up.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the measurement used for electric current.
2. Where is the largest known anthracite region?
3. What is Snorgsbord?
4. Does dew fall?
5. Who wrote the Waverley Novels?
6. What River is called "Old Man"?

(Answers on Page 8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black, 2 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q—QB2, any; 2. Q, or R (ch), or dis ch) mates.

DUMB-BELLS

REGISTRED U.S. PATENT OFFICE



AROUND THE WORLD

Napoleon's Birthplace Has Smelly Streets

By TEMPLE MANNING

THE devotees of the life and history of Napoleon Bonaparte are many. But we wonder how many of them would be willing to put up with the somewhat primitive creature comforts on the Island of Corsica, in order to get the feel of the place where their hero was born.

We can remember well the



Old section of Ajaccio, Corsica.

running around like crazy wondering how they were going to lodge and feed the visitors.

For years now there has been talk of erecting a really de luxe hotel with all the creature comforts. The talk is being revived again. But we do think that the help will have to come from France or Italy. For the Corsican, despite his many virtues, certainly is no hotel keeper.

Which seems a pity when one realises how popular this Mediterranean Island between France and Italy has been through the years.

"Fair lady," replied Egham, in the Chazz dialect. "Pray accept the miserable beast as a merchant's tribute to your beauty."

"Merchant my foot!" replied the radiant aristocrat with great vigour. "Do you think I am taken in by the walnut-julee on your dear old face?" "I understand not those strange words, lady," replied Egham. "I am Shira-Hul from Bindapur."

"Then I am a Mrs. Boddy of London," answered Dingl-Poos, not without sarcasm.

Egham saw that the game was up already. "You win," he said curtly.

"I always win," vowed the exasperated boyden. "Now tell me what you are doing here." And she motioned him to her side. With a sign the warrior sat down on a luxurious, upholstered stool, and from habit began to fiddle her ear.

"That's better," whispered the provoking siren.

The Department said that the recent creation of a separate Soviet Ministry of Cotton Growing reflects the all-out Soviet effort to raise cotton production to the point where it can supply the satellite cotton industries.

The Department said that these industries traditionally imported about 1,300,000 bales about 600,000 bales from the United States.

It said that the Soviet detachment of the cotton ministry from the Agriculture Ministry and the installation of a regional party official at its head, presents a contrast to the general trend towards centralisation in the Soviet Government. — United Press.

— (London Express Service)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 17

If you are born today, you have a tremendous amount of physical energy but it is accompanied by a mental restlessness that can become your worst enemy unless you get it under control early in life. The stars have given you outstanding talent. It is up to you to discover it and concentrate on perfecting it. Only in this fashion may you achieve fame and outstanding success. If you scatter your interests, your only success will be a competent mediocrity—a condition under which you will feel and fume!

You never are satisfied with less than the best. This goes for your emotional life, as well, and happiness is indicated only if you select someone whose cultural tastes and intellect are at least equal to your own.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be our daily guide.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Good influences in your life if you pay close attention to business matters. Be thrifty in expenditures.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Success beckons. It is your own fault if you are not thoroughly alert to new exciting opportunities.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Improve your personal outlook. Affairs at home are of the utmost importance. Pay attention to detail.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Start a new project and get moving in the right direction. Be progressive for good results.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A fine day for job hunting. You should find exactly what you want now if you persevere.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Prediction is what counts today. If a new contract is pending, you could sign it successfully.

FISCHES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Careful study and attention to detail can bring unexpected success in your major field just now.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

PENSIONS

by T. O. HARE

Industry Ltd. (Manufacturers of garments) has a pension scheme for their staff, but highly skilled staff. Each employee's pension depends on the age of his retirement. The scheme provides for men at the age of 50, but can go on working until he is 60.

The amount of pension is determined by a simple formula. Here are some examples of it: Working as an employee, a man gets £25.40 a year. If he retires at 60, he gets £31.10s. a year; at 70, £31.10s. a year; at 80, £31.10s. a year.

What would his pension have amounted to had he waited another year?

(Solution on Page 8)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Teddy Wrote Hand a Letter

—It Was Very Short But It Said a Lot—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, said to everyone else in the playroom: "How do you write a letter?"

Mary-Jane, the rag doll, thought for a minute. "It all depends on what kind of a letter you want to write, Teddy."

"That's right," said Mr Punch. "Suppose you went to a party and you wanted to write a letter of thanks. That would be one kind of a letter."

"And suppose," added General Tin, the tin soldier, "you wanted to write a friend of yours inviting him to come to your

party. That would be another kind of letter."

"And suppose you wanted to write to your grandmother telling her about all the things that happened since the last time you saw her. That would be a third kind of letter," said Knarf, the Shadow.

Judy and Hand and Mrs Cuckoo and Whoa, the Hobby Horse, all spoke up now, telling about other kinds of letters. Such as a letter thanking somebody for a birthday present, and a letter telling somebody else to have a very happy birthday, and a letter hoping somebody whom you know gets well soon, and a letter asking somebody to come and visit you.

"There are lots and lots of different kinds of letters," Knarf said.

"Yes," said Teddy, "but how do you write them?"

"First," said Mr Punch, "you get some paper and a pen and an envelope and a stamp. Then you're ready to begin."

"Then," said General Tin, "you write the date at the top of the letter. You don't," he added, "just write down Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday—or whatever other day of the week it is—but you write down the whole date, like April 15, 1950."

"Why do you have to do that?" asked Teddy.

"You need paper and a pen," Punch told Teddy.

BRONCHO BILL

BY HARRY F. O'NEILL



A Long Chance

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Russia forming a rouble bloc in the East?

HONGKONG SHARES

Transactions at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning were worth \$90,542.30.

Non quotations were:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

Far Asia 104

Union 563 600 20 5771

DOCH. ETC. 611 200 Q 90

Dock 1720

Shul. Dock 3 90

LAND. ETC. 2 90

THE 1 90

HK Land 431

HK Shul. Land 1 00

Utilities 915

Trans. 100 12-70

C. Light (C) 100 49 11

C. Light (N) 8 10 233 49 10 10

Electric 17

Telephone 11-30

INDUSTRIALS 2015

STONE. ETC. 2015

Dairy 24-25

Watson 24-25 200 100 100 24-25

L. Crawford 215

COTTONS 2.00

Asia Nav. 70c 25,000 G 70c

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unlisted exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling pound note (per £) 10.45

US dollar (per \$) 1.00 1.00

Sw. crown (per 100) 18.17

Singapore (Straits) 24.65

FIC piastre (per 100) 11.20

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British Cars

Big Success

New York, Apr. 16.—Large crowds visited the British motor show at the Grand Central Palace here today, besieging salesmen with inquiries.

Fine weather helped to augment the continual stream of visitors, which poured through the day.

Fifteen thousand saw the show on the opening day yesterday.

Mr. Alfred Sloane, Chairman of the Board of General Motors Corporation, the largest manufacturers of motorcars in the United States, said that in his opinion the demand for British cars in this country would exceed their expectations, especially in urban areas.

He said that traffic conditions in cities and towns were rapidly increasing the popularity of smaller cars.

This British target is to sell 50,000 cars a year in America. — Reuter.</

Adenauer Presses For Unity

Berlin, Apr. 16.—The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, arrived in Berlin by air today to press for unification of Germany through free elections through all Germany.

In an apparent attempt to counteract the propaganda value of Dr Adenauer's demand, the East German President, Wilhelm Pieck, also called for an all-German plebiscite to unify this split nation.

Dr Adenauer made it clear on his arrival that his trip also was intended to tighten ties between the Western sectors of Berlin and the Federal Republic, even though West Berlin is not part of the Republic.

He said at the airport: "I feel as much at home in Berlin as in any town in the West German Federal Republic."

Thousands of Berliners gathered before the United States Air Forces' Tempelhof airfield and along the streets leading to it to greet the Chancellor on his first trip to Berlin.

Before leaving for Moscow today, Mr Pieck had said German unity could be re-established through an all-German plebiscite, conclusion of a democratic peace treaty and withdrawal of the occupation troops. His statement, published in the *Tagesliche Rundschau*, official Soviet newspaper, was seen as a Soviet attempt to counter the appeal for unity which Dr Adenauer was said to be ready to deliver during his three-day visit.

BERLIN'S FUTURE

Dr Adenauer was greeted at the airfield by the Mayor of West Berlin, Ernst Reuter, the City Assembly Speaker, Otto Suhr, the deputy Mayor, Louis E. Schroeder, and other officials. He was accompanied by the Minister of Economics, Ludwig Erhard, the Justice Minister, Dr Thomas Bechler, and the Minister for All-German Affairs, Jacob Kaiser.

His arrival touched off new speculation that Berlin might be admitted to the Bonn Republic as the 12th state. This feeling persists in some responsible political quarters despite official denials from the British Foreign Office of any change in All-German policy. It was believed the United States was strongly supporting Berlin's incorporation into Western Germany, and was bringing pressure to bear in Britain and France.—United Press.

MADE DOCTOR OF LETTERS

New Delhi, Apr. 16.—President Rajendra Prasad of India conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters here today on India's former Chief Justice, 72-year-old Sir Maurice Gwyer for 12 years Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University.

Dr Prasad, presiding as Chancellor at a special University convocation, described Sir Maurice as "the master of Delhi University" and declared that India would always cherish his services as an educational, an administrator and a constitutional lawyer.

Sir Maurice, who retired from the Vice-Chancellorship last week, left by air later today for Britain after 18 years in India. He was the first Chief Justice of the Indian Federal Court from 1937 to 1943.—Reuter.

MINORITIES AGREEMENT

Jammu, Apr. 16.—The Kashmiri Premier, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, said tonight that the Nehru-Liaquat Ali Khan agreement on minorities and Indo-Pakistani relations would "swing to strengthen the hands of the progressive forces in the sub-continent."

Sheikh Abdullah told a special convention of the national conference called to discuss the "Kashmir situation" that the agreement further strengthened Kashmir's faith in the moral superiority of secularism.

"No communal organisation would be allowed to flourish in Kashmir and efforts to disturb communal harmony there will fail," he declared.—Reuter.



Gorgeous Gussie Ribbed

Students of Chelsea Polytechnic, in London, watch as three robots pose in lace lingerie, mimicking a woman. The robots were participating in a procession for the benefit of the Playing Fields Association while, in another part of the world, Gussie was named the best-dressed woman in sports.

MIDDLE EAST SECURITY SYSTEM TO AUGMENT ATLANTIC PACT WANTED

London, Apr. 16.—The establishment of a Middle Eastern security system as the counterpart to the Atlantic Pact is one of the proposals of the Royal Institute of International Affairs' latest publication, on United Kingdom policy.

PROPAGANDA — PEKING PATTERN

San Francisco, Apr. 16.—One of the chief Communist propagandists in China today declared that the "American plot to turn China into an anti-Soviet base" has been defeated.

At the same time, he hit the British and Dutch Governments' "obstruction of peace."

Liu Ning-yi, Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour, made the remarks in a speech published in the *Peiping People's Daily News* and broadcast by Peking Radio.

The article helped to inaugurate a new "peace page" which will be published once monthly, devoted to furthering world peace.

Liu said that two world conferences which were convened in Peking a few months ago—the Asian-Australasian Trade Union conference and the Asian Women's Conference—"will be of great significance in furthering the development of the national liberation movement throughout the East and will also serve as a more powerful guarantee to world peace movement."

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union—700,000,000 strong—are sincerely united and co-operative."—United Press.

Another Arrest In Palermo

Palermo, Apr. 16.—The police arrested another of the innumerable lieutenants of the bandit, Salvatore Giuliano, last night. He was Francesco Monreale, 36, wanted for 24 robberies, 28 extortions, four attacks against police forces with firearms and a score of kidnappings.—United Press.

Maj-Gen. Sir Ian Jacob, Military Assistant to the Secretary of War, said that since "conventional all-out war is a possibility," Middle Eastern bases "might be necessary for offensive operations." He suggested "new and better arrangements for the future" and listed the following main lines of action:

1. Full support to Turkey to enable her at least to maintain her neutrality.

2. The presence in the Middle East of sufficient American and Commonwealth forces to back up the combined strength of the Middle Eastern states and to act as a strong deterrent to any Russian move in that direction.

3. Well-organised administrative and operational bases from which the combined forces could co-operate and be supplied.

4. Insistence on "sound disposition" of the former Italian colonies.

5. Russian influence to be kept out of Africa.

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British Jews Protest

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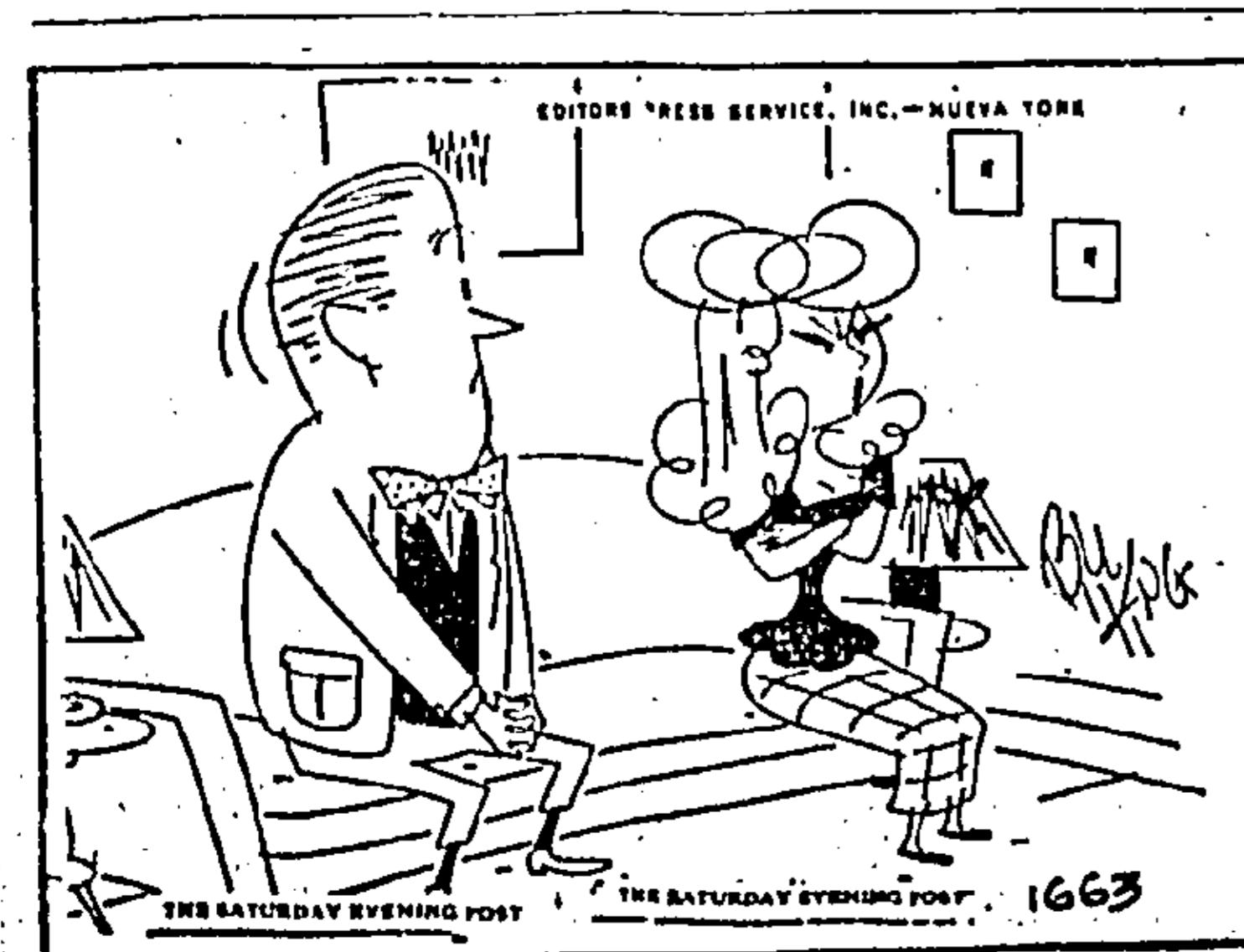
The Board stated that it views "with deep concern the increasing tension and the threat to peace in the Middle East, aggravated by the supply of arms by the British Government to Arab States without making such supply dependent on their full co-operation in the conclusion of peace, and despite their openly expressed intention to renew a campaign of aggression against Israel."

The Board urges the Government "to reconsider its policy in a spirit of fairness to Israel, which has shown itself ready to negotiate peace with the neighbouring Arab States, in the paramount desire to solve the weighty and pressing problems with which the young State is urgently confronted."—Reuter.

Jap Family's Suicide

Fukui, Japan, Apr. 16.—It was reported today that a 35-year-old Japanese mother tied four of her children aged from five to 13 to herself with rope, plunged into the sea and all drowned.

A note found on the mother said she committed suicide because of economic difficulties and illness of her husband who had been repatriated from Sakhalin.—United Press.



"I admit I was wrong, but if you really loved me you'd apologise!"

Point 4 Might Do More Harm Than Good

Washington, Apr. 16.—Two social scientists said today that President Truman's Point Four programme to aid underdeveloped nations might do more harm than good.

Dr Ralph Linton, Yale University anthropologist, and William Vogt, former conservation expert with the Pan-American Union, expressed this view in a symposium on the President's programme in the Spring issue of the American Perspective, publication of the Foundation for Foreign Affairs.

Dr Linton said: "The impact of 'progress' and mechanisation on stable folk cultures in backward areas has been, so far, catastrophic. It will therefore take all the ingenuity that America has to bring mechanisation to native peoples without doing them more harm than good."

He said the programme's first big effect would be to increase the population by cutting the death rate. Therefore, he added, any gain these nations made in resources would at least be offset by the increase in population.

If the programme was to be effective, he continued, underdeveloped nations must adopt birth control.

Mr Vogt, author of "Road to Survival," said it would take years before the programme could be completed, and even then chances of success were 50-50.

The Navy said last week that its plane procurement programme for the current year probably would cost about \$500,000,000 and involve some 700 planes.

The Air Force figures indicated continued heavy emphasis on the Consolidated Vultee B-36 superbombers and the beginning of a major buying programme for the Boeing B-47 six-jet bomber that flies more than 600 miles per hour.

President Truman requested \$1,350,000,000 for new Air Force and Navy planes in the fiscal year 1951, but the Joint Chiefs of Staff are believed to be about ready to recommend at least a \$500,000,000 increase in the amount.—United Press.

The writer also said the dependence of Britain and her Western Allies on the oil of the Persian Gulf and Iraq was "probably as great as, if not greater, than Russian dependence on the oil of Bakru."

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